

REFORMED CHURCH

Morning Worship 5 July 2020 Fifth Sunday of Trinity

GREETINGS TO OUR VISITORS!

If you are visiting St. Mark today, we welcome you to our worship service and Christian community. We are delighted the Lord has brought you to worship with us and look forward to meeting you. If you are baptized in the name of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit, you are welcome to partake of the Lord's Supper.

Nursery: For families with young children or infants, please avail yourselves of the cry room adjacent to the sanctuary. A remote speaker is located there, enabling those within the room to hear the service.

ABOUT US:

St. Mark Reformed Church is a member church of the Communion of Reformed Evangelical Churches (CREC). Our congregation is centered on classical Christian worship that is robust, reverent, and joyful. We offer solid biblical preaching and teaching from a Reformed perspective. We are a family-friendly, welcoming congregation, desiring unity with all fellow believers. We believe and seek to embody the good news of the gospel—that salvation from sin is found in Christ alone, to be received by faith alone. We long to be a community that practices love, service, and mercy toward our community and the world.

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Gracious God, our heavenly Father, Your mercy attends us all our days. Be our strength and support amid the wearisome changes of this world, and at life's end grant us Your promised rest and the full joys of Your salvation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen. (Stand at the conclusion of the Prelude)

The Lord Calls Us

Pastor: Christ is risen!

People: He is risen indeed! Pastor: Christ is ascended!

People: That He might fill all things. Hallelujah!

Pastor: The Spirit has been given!

People: The promised Gift of gifts!

CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 105:1-6

Pastor: Amen! **People: Amen!**

Hymn of Procession

Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens Adore Him

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Congregation: AMEN!

Pastor: I rejoiced when they said unto me, "Let us go into the house of the Lord!"

People: Our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem!

(Psalm 122:1-2)

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord!

People: The Maker of heaven and earth!

(Psalm 124:8)

Pastor: Let us pray . . .

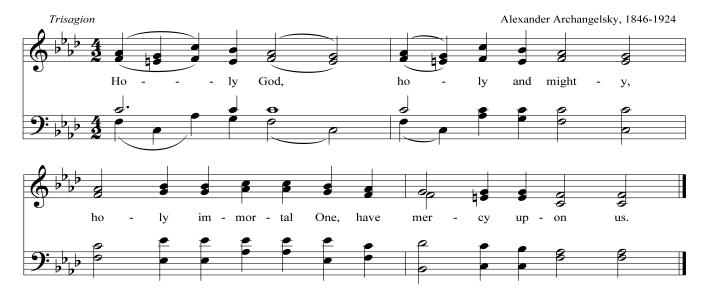
The Lord Cleanses Us

THE PURIFICATION OFFERING

Pastor: Dearly beloved brethren, the Scriptures teach us that whoever covers his sins shall not prosper, but whoever confesses and forsakes them shall find mercy.

Hymn of Confession

Holy God, Holy and Mighty



Pastor: The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love. As a father has compassion on his children, so the Lord has compassion on those who fear him. Let us humbly kneel and confess our sins together . . .

We confess to You, Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; that we have grievously sinned in thought, word, and deed. Make us truly contrite. Fill us with holy fear; and give us grace to amend our lives according to Your word. Almighty and merciful Father, restore our souls in Jesus Christ, that we may be merciful and kind, even as You are. Let your forgiveness make us willing to forgive all wrong which we have suffered, and to ask forgiveness for every wrong which we have done. Give us the spirit of our Lord Jesus Christ who dwelt among men in great humility, and was meek and lowly of heart. Let the same mind be in us which was also in Him. Let our love and charity be abundant as our joy, that our hearts may be tender to all need, and our hands give freely for His sake. And grant that, being rooted and grounded in the mystery of the Son of God being made flesh for us, we may receive power to overcome the world and gain life eternal through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Pastor: Arise and hear the good news of God's forgiveness!

DECLARATION OF ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Brothers and sisters in the Lord Jesus Christ: Know surely, your sins are forgiven! Believe the gospel and rejoice in the hope of eternal life. Amen!

People: Amen!

The Lord Consecrates Us

THE ASCENSION OFFERING



Charles Wesley, 1746; alt.

DARWALL 6.6.6.6,8.8. John Darwall, 1770

THE SURSUM CORDA

Pastor: Lift up your hearts!

People: We lift them up to the Lord!

Pastor: O Lord, open our lips!

People: And our mouths will declare your praise!

The Doxology (with hands upraised - 1 Timothy 2:8)



Pastor: For the word of God is living and active,

People: sharper than any two-edged sword,

Pastor: piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and marrow,

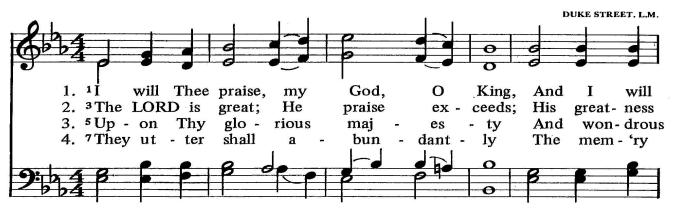
People: and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

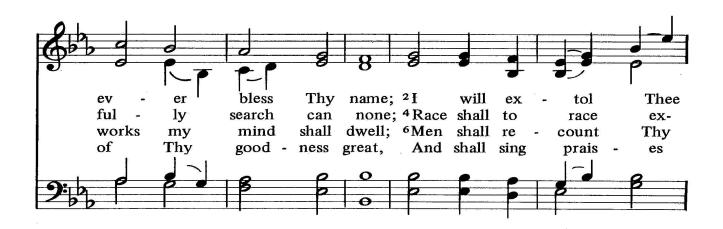
(Hebrews 4:12)

THE LESSON: Zechariah 9:9-12

Lector: The Word of the Lord! **People: Thanks be to God!**

THE PSALM: 145:1-7







THE EPISTLE Romans 7:14-25a

Lector: The Word of the Lord! People: Thanks be to God!

(Please stand)

THE GOSPEL Matthew 11:25-30

Pastor: The Gospel of Christ! People: Praise be to Christ!

Gloria Patri (with hands upraised - 1 Timothy 2:8)



2nd cent.; tr.

GLORIA PATRI (GREATOREX) Henry W. Greatorex, 1851

Pastor: Let us confess our faith together. Christian, in whom do you believe?

Unison: I believe in one God, the Father Almighty,

Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds;

God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God;

begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made.

Who, for us men and for our salvation, came down from heaven,

and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man;

and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;

He suffered and was buried;

and the third day He rose again, according to the Scriptures;

and ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of the Father;

and He shall come again, with glory, to judge the quick and the dead;

whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of Life;

who proceeds from the Father and the Son;

who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified;

who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins;

and I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

(The congregation may be seated)

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Pastor: The Word of the Lord! **People: Thanks be to God!**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE SERMON

"The Shaping of a Christian Home" Mr. Brian McLain, Deacon

THE PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

The Lord Collects Our Gifts

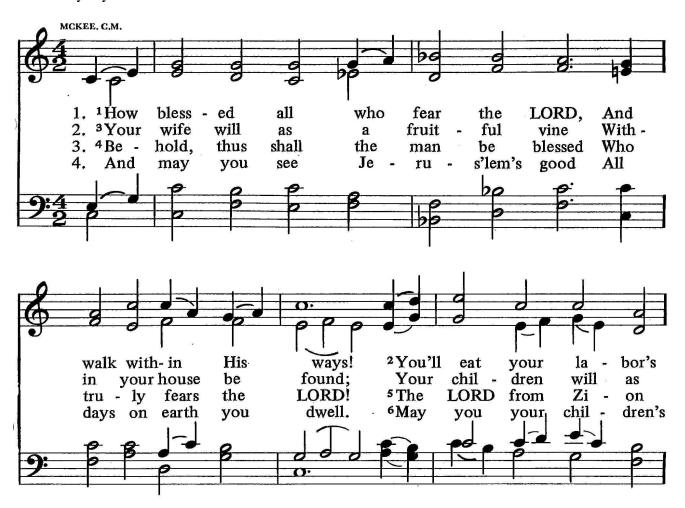
THE TRIBUTE OFFERING

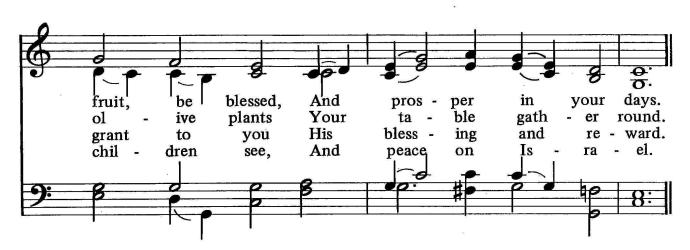
COLLECTION OF GOD'S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

(Please stand.)

Offertory Hymn

Psalm 128





Pastor: What gifts have you brought for your Lord?

People: We give only what the Lord has first given to us. We offer ourselves in Christ through confession, praise and thanksgiving; we give our prayers and alms for the sake of the world; and we participate in the Lord's Supper as a memorial of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen!

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Pastor: Father, receive now these gifts offered to you in and through the Lord Jesus Christ, as we return to you a portion of that which you have freely given us. Use these tithes and offerings to support the work of the church, to care for the poor and needy, to promote the spread of the gospel to the ends of the earth, and to build up your kingdom. In Christ's name we pray. Amen. **People: Amen.**

The Lord Communes with Us

THE PEACE OFFERING



Pastor: Let us pray for the whole Church, that our Lord God would defend her against all the assaults and temptations of the adversary and keep her perpetually on the true foundation, Jesus Christ:

Save and defend your Church universal, purchased with the precious Blood of Christ. Give to her pastors and ministers according to your Spirit, and strengthen her through the Word and the sacraments. Make her perfect in love and in good works, and establish her in the faith once delivered to the saints. Sanctify and unite your people in all the world, that one holy Church may bear witness to you, the God and Father of all. Amen.

Pastor: Let us pray for our missionaries:

Send forth your light and your truth into all the earth, O Lord. Raise up, we pray, faithful servants to Christ to labor in the Gospel at home and in distant lands. Grant strength and perseverance to all of our missionaries. Grant that they may rejoice in a rich harvest of souls for your kingdom. Support them in times of trial and weakness, and make them steadfast, abounding in the work of the Lord. Bring the nations into your fold, pour out your Spirit on all flesh, and hasten the coming of the fullness of the kingdom of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Pastor: Let us pray for all those in authority that we may live quiet and peaceable lives in all godliness and honesty:

O merciful Father in heaven, because you hold in your hand all the might of man and because you have ordained, for the punishment of evildoers and for the praise of those who do well, all the powers that exist in all the nations of the world, we humbly pray you graciously to regard your servants, especially the President and the Congress of the United States, the Governor of Tennessee, the Mayor of Nashville, and all those who make, administer, and judge our laws, that all who receive the sword as your ministers may bear it according to your Word; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Pastor: Let us pray for those who are in any way afflicted, oppressed, or troubled in body or soul:

God of mercies, we pray that you would comfort with the grace of your Holy Spirit all who are in sorrow or need, sickness or adversity, especially those whom we name in our hearts before you....

Remember those who suffer persecution for the faith.

Have mercy upon those to whom death draws near. Bring consolation to those in sorrow or mourning. And to all your people grant a message of your love, taking them into your tender care. Amen.

Pastor: Finally, let us offer the prayer that our Lord has taught us.

The Lord's Prayer

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PREFACE AND SANCTUS

Pastor: The love of God the Father, the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Holy things for holy people!

People: The gifts of God for the people of God!

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you!

People: And also with you!

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God!

People: It is good and right to do so!

Pastor: It is very good and right that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to you, O Holy Lord, Father Almighty, Everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we praise and magnify your glorious name, evermore praising you and singing:

The Sanctus



(The congregation may be seated).

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THE LORD'S SUPPER

THE BREAD: Prayer of thanksgiving, breaking the bread, distribution, eating together.

THE WINE: Prayer of thanksgiving, distribution, drink after you have taken your cup.

Hymn of Distribution

The Church's One Foundation

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^{*} We will sing vv. 1-3 during the distribution of the bread, and vv.4-6 during the distribution of the wine.



Congregation: AMEN!

Pastor: The body and blood of the Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you all steadfast in the true faith and in unity unto life everlasting, in the name of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. Amen.

People: Amen! (Please stand)

The Lord Commissions Us



John Ellerton, 1881

LEONI 6.6,8.4,D. Jewish melody Arr. by Meyer Lyon, 1770

Pastor: And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age." - Matthew 28:18-20

Pastor: And now look up to receive the Lord's blessing ...

THE BENEDICTION

THREEFOLD AMEN



POSTLUDE